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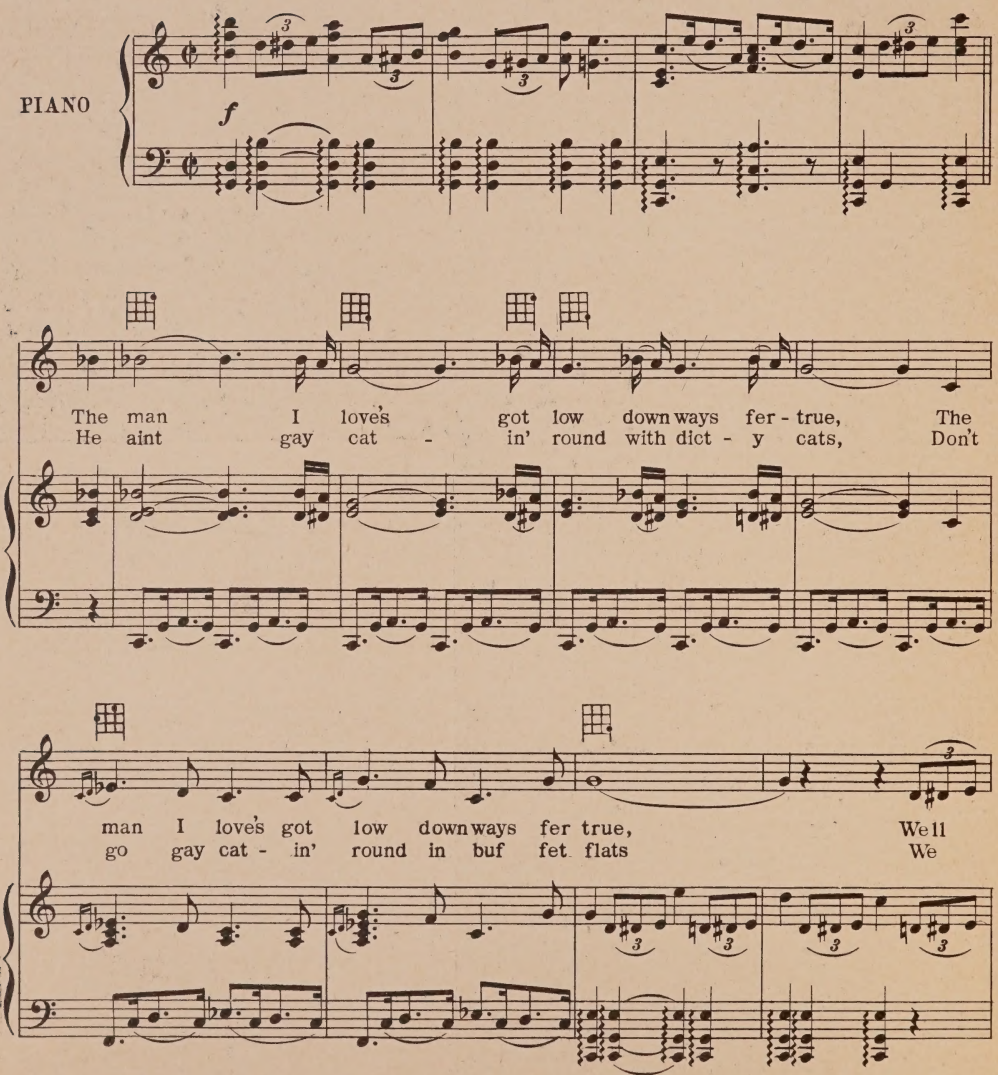
f
The man I love's got low down ways fer - true, The
He aint gay cat - in' round with dict - y cats, Don't
man I love's got low down ways fer true, We'll
go gay cat - in' round in buf fet flats We

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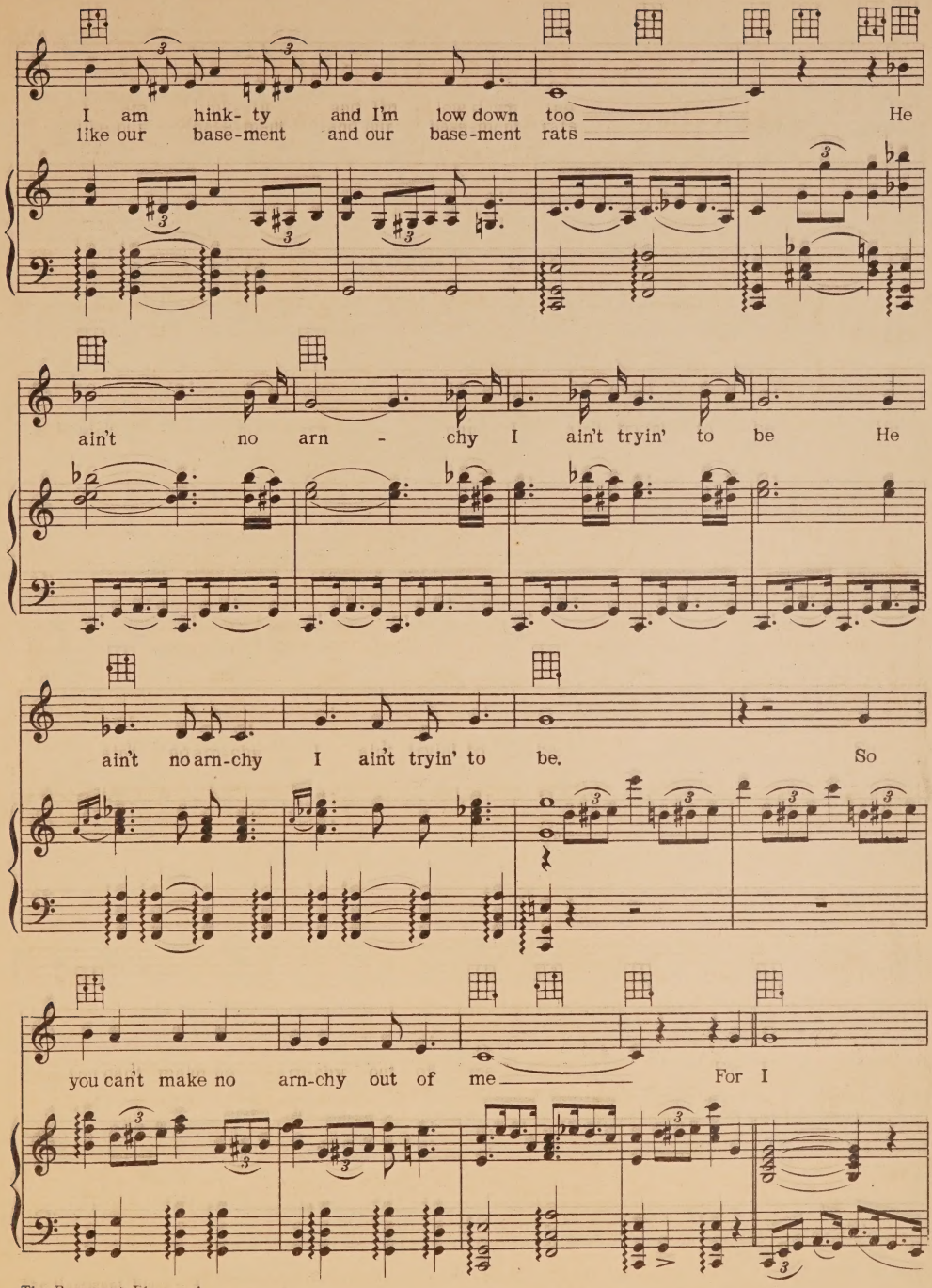
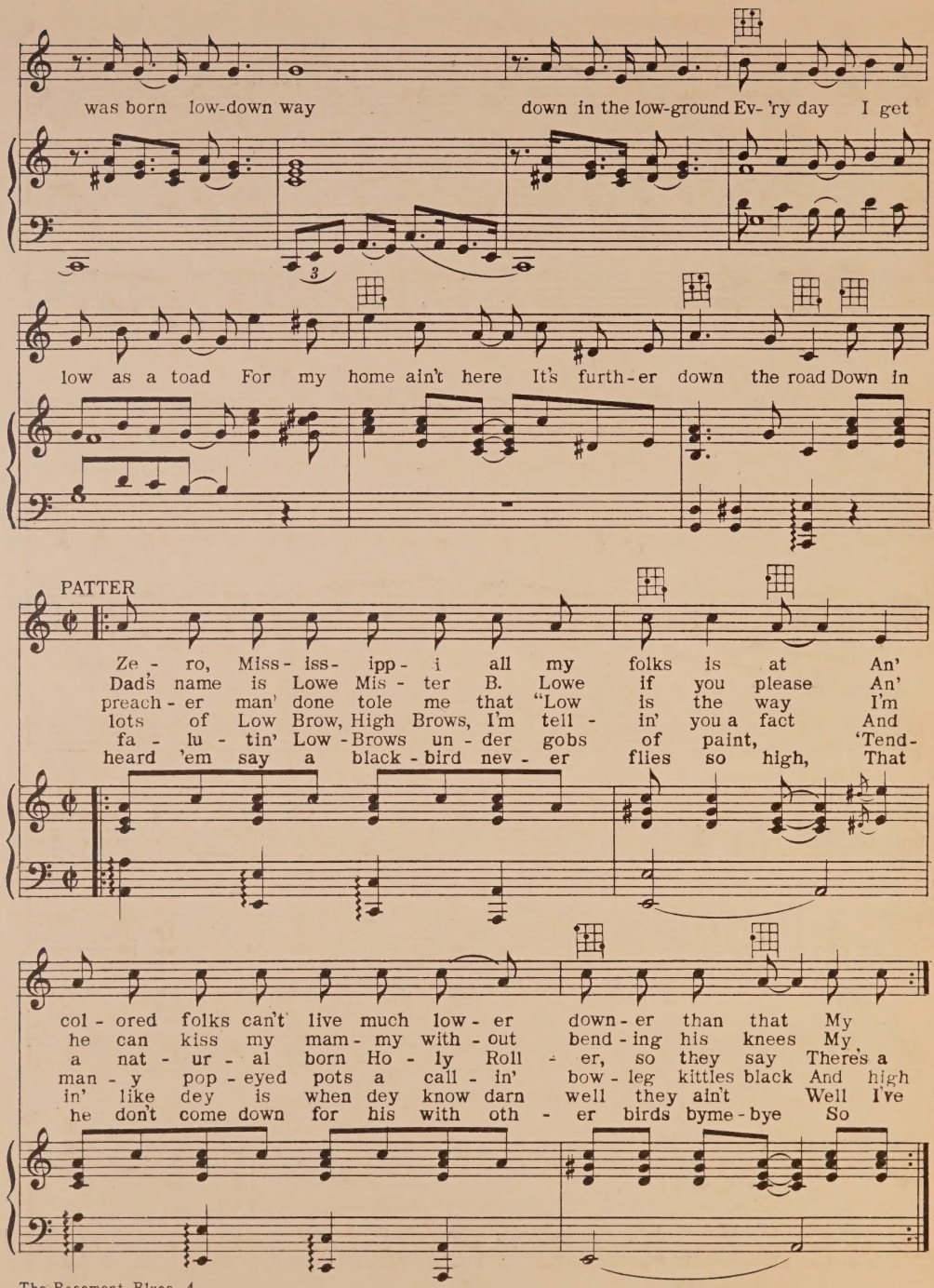
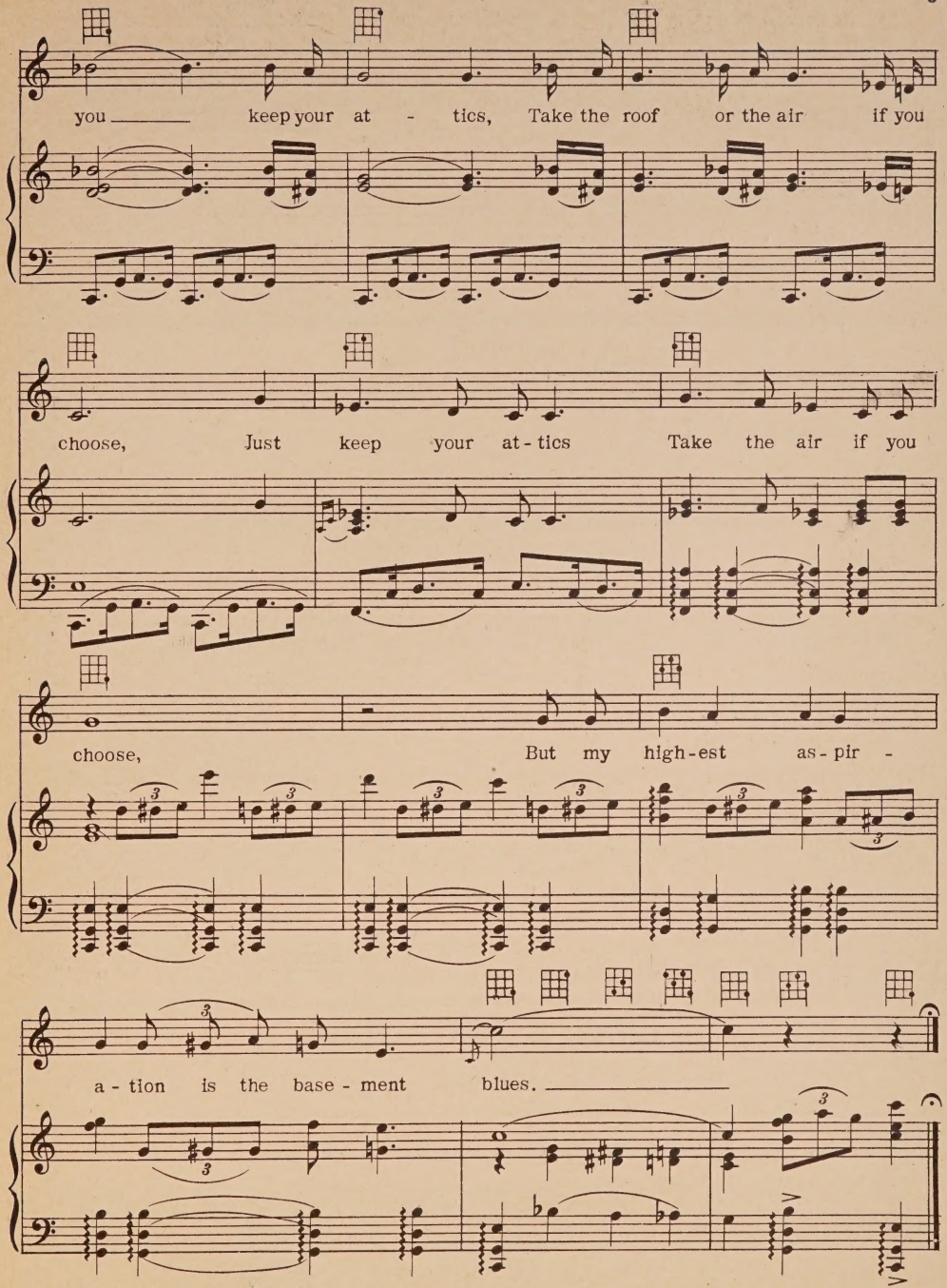

I am hink- ty and I'm low down too He
like our base-ment and our base-ment rats
ain't no arn - chy I ain't tryin' to be He
ain't no arn-chy I ain't tryin' to be. So
you can't make no arn-chy out of me For I

was born low-down way
down in the low-ground Ev-'ry day I get
low as a toad For my home ain't here It's furth-er down the road Down in
PATTER
Ze - ro, Miss - iss - ipp - i all my folks is at An'
Dad's name is Lowe Mis - ter B. Lowe if you please An'
preach - er man' done tole me that "Low is the way I'm
lots of Low Brow, High Brows, I'm tell - in' you a fact And
fa - lu - tin' Low - Brows un - der gobs of paint, 'Tend -
heard 'em say a black - bird nev - er flies so high, That
col - ored folks can't live much low - er down - er than that My
he can kiss my mam - my with - out bend - ing his knees My
a nat - ur - al born Ho - ly Roll - er, so they say There's a
man - y pop - eyed pots a call - in' bow - leg kittles black And high
in' like dey is when dey know darn well they ain't Well I've
he don't come down for his with oth - er birds byme - bye So


you keep your at - tics, Take the roof or the air if you
choose, Just keep your at-tics Take the air if you
choose, But my high-est as-pir -
a - tion is the base - ment blues.

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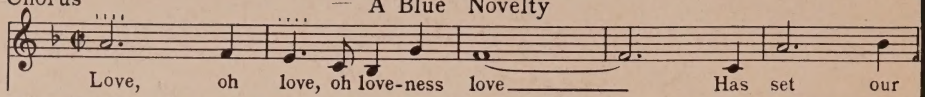

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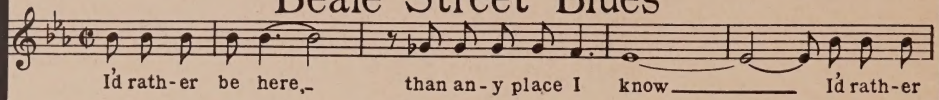

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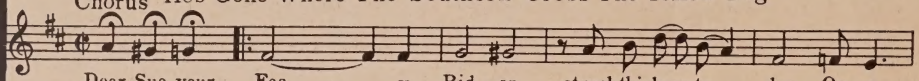

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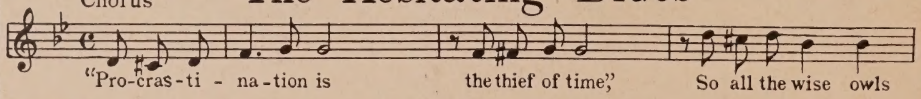
Chorus



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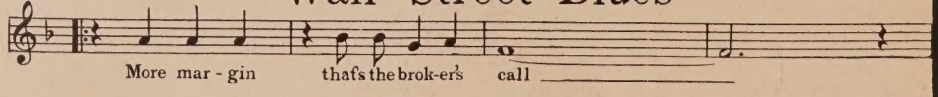

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